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The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions and decision on the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations, including its resolutions 55/5 B and C of 23 December 2000, 57/4 B of 20 December 2002, 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, 61/237 of 22 December 2006, 64/248 of 24 December 2009, 67/238 of 24 December 2012 and 70/245 of 23 December 2015 and its decision 68/548 of 27 December 2013,

Reaffirming Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 160 of its rules of procedure,

Recalling paragraphs 5 and 6 of its resolution 58/1 B,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions on its seventy-eighth session[1] and the report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans,[2]

1. *Reaffirms* that the determination of the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations shall remain the prerogative of the General Assembly;

2. *Also reaffirms* the fundamental principle that the expenses of the Organization shall be apportioned broadly according to capacity to pay;

3. *Further reaffirms* the obligation of all Member States to bear the expenses of the United Nations, as apportioned by the General Assembly, in conformity with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-third Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/73/11).

[2] A/73/76.

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4. *Reaffirms* that the Committee on Contributions as a technical body is required to prepare the scale of assessments strictly on the basis of reliable, verifiable and comparable data;

5. *Decides* that the scale of assessments for the period from 2019 to 2021 shall be based on the following elements and criteria:

(a) Estimates of gross national income;

(b) Average statistical base periods of three and six years;

(c) Conversion rates based on market exchange rates, except where that would cause excessive fluctuations and distortions in the income of some Member States, when price-adjusted rates of exchange or other appropriate conversion rates should be employed, taking due account of its resolution 46/221 B of 20 December 1991;

(d) The debt-burden approach employed in the scale of assessments for the period from 2016 to 2018;

(e) A low per capita income adjustment of 80 per cent, with a threshold per capita income limit of the average per capita gross national income of all Member States for the statistical base periods;

(f) A minimum assessment rate of 0.001 per cent;

(g) A maximum assessment rate for the least developed countries of 0.01 per cent;

6. *Recalls* its resolution 55/5 C, in particular paragraph 2 of that resolution, and deeply regrets that the major contributor has not settled its outstanding arrears promptly and in full;

7. *Recognizes* that the maximum assessment rate of 22 per cent does not reflect the principle of capacity to pay;

8. *Decides* to abolish the maximum assessment rate of 22 per cent;

9. *Notes* that the application of the current methodology, as set out above, reflects changes in the relative economic situations of the Member States of the United Nations;

10. *Also notes* that the assessment rates of developing countries are increasing significantly;

11. *Requests* the Committee on Contributions, in accordance with its mandate and the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to review and make recommendations on the elements of the methodology of the scale of assessments in order to reflect the capacity of Member States to pay, and to report thereon to the Assembly by the main part of its seventy-sixth session;

12. *Expresses concern* that the Committee on Contributions used some data sets with limitations in the preparation of the scale of assessments, encourages Member States to submit national accounts data on a timely basis with the required scope, detail and quality, and requests the Committee on Contributions to consider all relevant data and appeals submitted by Member States that may affect their capacity to pay;

13. *Supports* the efforts of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat in supporting statistics at the national level and in providing support to countries and regional organizations to enhance coordination, advocacy and resources for the implementation of the 2008 System of National Accounts;

14. *Resolves* that the scale of assessments for the contributions of Member States to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2019, 2020 and 2021 shall be as follows:

Member State	*Percentage*
Afghanistan	0.007
Albania	0.008
Algeria	0.135
Andorra	0.005
Angola	0.010
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002
Argentina	0.838
Armenia	0.006
Australia	2.024
Austria	0.620
Azerbaijan	0.047
Bahamas	0.016
Bahrain	0.046
Bangladesh	0.010
Barbados	0.006
Belarus	0.048
Belgium	0.752
Belize	0.001
Benin	0.003
Bhutan	0.001
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.016
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.011
Botswana	0.014
Brazil	2.787
Brunei Darussalam	0.023
Bulgaria	0.045
Burkina Faso	0.003
Burundi	0.001
Cabo Verde	0.001
Cambodia	0.006
Cameroon	0.013
Canada	2.504
Central African Republic	0.001
Chad	0.004
Chile	0.373
China	11.707
Colombia	0.281

Member State	*Percentage*
Comoros	0.001
Congo	0.006
Costa Rica	0.060
Côte d'Ivoire	0.012
Croatia	0.070
Cuba	0.079
Cyprus	0.033
Czechia	0.285
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.006
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.010
Denmark	0.507
Djibouti	0.001
Dominica	0.001
Dominican Republic	0.052
Ecuador	0.078
Egypt	0.181
El Salvador	0.012
Equatorial Guinea	0.015
Eritrea	0.001
Estonia	0.035
Eswatini	0.002
Ethiopia	0.010
Fiji	0.003
Finland	0.386
France	4.054
Gabon	0.014
Gambia	0.001
Georgia	0.008
Germany	5.576
Ghana	0.015
Greece	0.335
Grenada	0.001
Guatemala	0.035
Guinea	0.003
Guinea-Bissau	0.001
Guyana	0.002
Haiti	0.003
Honduras	0.008
Hungary	0.188
Iceland	0.025

Member State	*Percentage*
India	0.814
Indonesia	0.530
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.389
Iraq	0.126
Ireland	0.339
Israel	0.448
Italy	3.029
Jamaica	0.008
Japan	7.847
Jordan	0.021
Kazakhstan	0.174
Kenya	0.023
Kiribati	0.001
Kuwait	0.231
Kyrgyzstan	0.002
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.005
Latvia	0.043
Lebanon	0.046
Lesotho	0.001
Liberia	0.001
Libya	0.029
Liechtenstein	0.008
Lithuania	0.065
Luxembourg	0.061
Madagascar	0.003
Malawi	0.002
Malaysia	0.332
Maldives	0.004
Mali	0.00[illegible]
Malta	0.015
Marshall Islands	0.001
Mauritania	0.002
Mauritius	0.011
Mexico	1.261
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001
Monaco	0.010
Mongolia	0.005
Montenegro	0.004
Morocco	0.054
Mozambique	0.004

Member State	*Percentage*
Myanmar	0.010
Namibia	0.009
Nauru	0.001
Nepal	0.007
Netherlands	1.242
New Zealand	0.266
Nicaragua	0.005
Niger	0.002
Nigeria	0.244
Norway	0.691
Oman	0.105
Pakistan	0.112
Palau	0.001
Panama	0.044
Papua New Guinea	0.010
Paraguay	0.016
Peru	0.148
Philippines	0.200
Poland	0.734
Portugal	0.320
Qatar	0.258
Republic of Korea	2.075
Republic of Moldova	0.003
Romania	0.194
Russian Federation	2.274
Rwanda	0.003
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001
Saint Lucia	0.001
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001
Samoa	0.001
San Marino	0.002
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001
Saudi Arabia	1.073
Senegal	0.007
Serbia	0.027
Seychelles	0.002
Sierra Leone	0.001
Singapore	0.44[illegible]
Slovakia	0.140
Slovenia	0.069

Member State	*Percentage*
Solomon Islands	0.001
Somalia	0.001
South Africa	0.266
South Sudan	0.006
Spain	1.965
Sri Lanka	0.043
Sudan	0.010
Suriname	0.005
Sweden	0.830
Switzerland	1.054
Syrian Arab Republic	0.011
Tajikistan	0.004
Thailand	0.300
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.007
Timor-Leste	0.002
Togo	0.002
Tonga	0.001
Trinidad and Tobago	0.036
Tunisia	0.025
Turkey	1.256
Turkmenistan	0.032
Tuvalu	0.001
Uganda	0.008
Ukraine	0.056
United Arab Emirates	0.564
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	4.180
United Republic of Tanzania	0.010
United States of America	27.260
Uruguay	0.079
Uzbekistan	0.031
Vanuatu	0.001
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.666
Viet Nam	0.075
Yemen	0.010
Zambia	0.009
Zimbabwe	0.005

15. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans[2] and the related conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on Contributions;[1]

16. *Reaffirms* paragraph 1 of its resolution 57/4 B;

17. *Urges* all Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full, on time and without imposing conditions;

18. *Urges* all Member States currently in arrears to settle those arrears promptly and in full;

19. *Encourages* Member States in arrears with their assessed contributions to the United Nations to consider submitting multi-year payment plans;

20. *Resolves* that:

(a) Notwithstanding the terms of financial regulation 3.10 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nation,[3] the Secretary-General shall be empowered to accept, at his discretion and after consultation with the Chair of the Committee on Contributions, a portion of the contributions of Member States for the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021 in currencies other than the United States dollar;

(b) In accordance with financial regulation 3.9, the Holy See, which is not a member of the United Nations but which participates in certain of its activities, shall be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of the Organization for 2019, 2020 and 2021 on the basis of a notional assessment rate of 0.001 per cent, which represents the basis for the calculation of the flat annual fees to be charged to the Holy See in accordance with its resolution 44/197 B of 21 December 1989;

(c) In accordance with financial regulation 3.9, the State of Palestine, which is not a member of the United Nations but which participates in certain of its activities, shall be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of the Organization for 2019, 2020 and 2021 on the basis of a notional assessment rate of 0.008 per cent, which represents the basis for the calculation of the flat annual fees to be charged to the State of Palestine in accordance with its resolution 44/197 B;

21. *Recalls* its resolution 65/276 of 3 May 2011, and decides that the European Union, which is not a member of the United Nations but which participates in certain of its activities, shall be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of the Organization for 2019, 2020 and 2021 on the basis of a notional assessment rate of 21.152 per cent.

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[3] ST/SGB/2013/4.